

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

**NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE**

1. NAME				
COMMON: Old Trinity Church AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Taylor's Island Road, Md. Rt. 16, 1 mile west of Md. Rt. 335 CITY OR TOWN: Church Creek STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester				
3. CLASSIFICATION				
S N O T C R I S T I W S	CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Vestry of Trinity Church STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: Church Creek STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21622				
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: High Street STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21613				
6. TITLE REFERENCE OF CURRENT DEED (Book & Pg. #):				
7. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. ZIP: 20201				

7. DESCRIPTION						
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Uncertified		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site						

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Trinity Church is reputed to have been built in the latter part of the 17th century. It is a one story brick structure measuring approximately 20 x 40 feet. The walls are laid entirely in Flemish bond with random glazing. In the entrance gable is a series of glazed chevrons. There is a large double batten door, above which is a double leaded casement with transom. The southwest side has another entrance flanked by two windows, whereas, the northeast side has only two windows. Each of the openings have segmental arches. At the base of the A roof, the rafter ends are exposed. There is a semicircular apse on the southeast gable similar to the structure at St. Paul's, Kent County, built in the second decade of the 18th century.

Of the exterior structure, the northeast wall and small portions of the other walls were relaid when the building was restored in the 1950's.

The interior is, with the exception of the eight inch square brick tiles, completely restored. "The pews in the church as well as exterior trim, are all made of heart pine which was salvaged from old homes in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland... On entering the front door one finds on the left the Baptismal Font. It is a hand-rubbed reproduction of the original and is constructed of native black walnut. To the right is a winding stairway leading to the balcony. The three-decked pulpit on the north wall is a reproduction of those used during the time of Queen Anne. The railing and alter table are both native black walnut."

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE <p>The building is important to Dorchester County as an early place of worship.</p> <p>The land on which the church was erected was willed to the parish in 1749 by James Busick. Around that time, an addition was built onto the south wall, which was removed during the restoration and reconstructed as a utility building east of the church. Early photographs show the church with its addition as well as the nineteenth century Gothic windows.</p> <p>The church was brought to its present state through the efforts of Col. and Mrs. Edgar W. Garbisch in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Chrysler.</p> <p>The graveyard contains the remains of Governor Thomas King Carroll.</p>																																								

7. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H. Chandlee, Old Buildings, Gardens, and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, 1967, page 144-154.

Jones, Elias, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, Maryland, 1966.

Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State, Oxford University Press, New York, 1941, p. 406.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 9, Tax Map 51, p. 246

#9 (continued)

Wilstach, Paul, Tidewater Maryland, Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, 1931.

Earle, Swepson, The Chesapeake Bay Country, Remington-Putnam, Baltimore, 1938, p. 396.

Earle, Swepson, Maryland's Colonial Eastern Shore, Baltimore, 1916, p. 87.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



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